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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
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PATENT APPLICATION
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Attorney Docket Number 23265C.1

First Named Inventor Baker

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Application Number /

Filing Date

Group Art Unit

Examiner Name

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Roll-Over Air Bag Having a Reinforced Perimeter Seal and Associated Method for Producing a Flat Reinforced Seal in a Roll-Over Air Bag

the specification of which (Title of the Invention)

☐ is attached hereto.

OR

☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 09/24/1999 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number 09/405,339 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application

U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)
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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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Name of Sole or First Inventor: ☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

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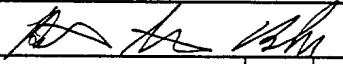
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ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)
Supplemental Sheet
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**REVOCATION AND NEW APPOINTMENT OF
POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

COPY

Sir:

The undersigned representative of Methode Electronics, Inc., owner by virtue of assignment filed concurrently herewith of the pending and issued U.S. patent properties identified on Appendix A hereto (hereinafter "patent properties"), hereby revokes any and all previous Powers of Attorney and appoints Herbert Cohen, Reg. No. 25,109; Victor M. Wigman, Reg. No. 25,201; George C. Myers, Jr., Reg. No. 27,040; Donald R. Greene, Reg. No. 22,470; Michael C. Greenbaum, Reg. No. 28,419; Charles R. Wolfe, Jr., Reg. No. 28,680; Michael D. White, Reg. No. 32,795; David J. Edmondson, Reg. No. 35,126; Denise C. Lane, Reg. No. 42,780; Peter Weissman, Reg. No. 40,220; Brian C. Jones, Reg. No. 37,857; Rafael Perez, Reg. No. 46,041; and Brian Higgins, Reg. No. 48,443, all with the firm Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley, LLP, as Assignee's attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute said patent properties, receive any Letters Patent and to take any and all other actions with regard to said patent properties and any Letters Patent issuing thereon, and request that all correspondence be sent to:

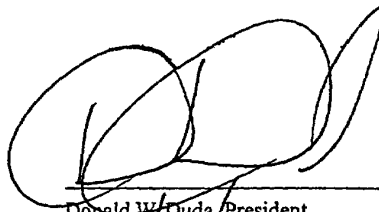
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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)

I, the undersigned, certify that I am an individual empowered to act on behalf of Methode Electronics, Inc., the assignee of the entire right, title and interest of the above-identified application by virtue of an assignment from the current assignee, American Components, Inc.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that

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Donald W. Duda, President

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Methode Mexico USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation, having a principal place of business at 7401 West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60706 hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, is the owner by assignment of the pending and issued U.S. patent properties identified on Appendix A hereto (hereinafter referred to as the PATENTS).

WHEREAS, Methode Electronics, Inc., a Delaware corporation, having a principal place of business at 7401 West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60706, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same in the United States;

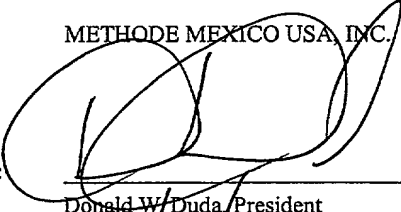
NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR, by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said PATENTS throughout the United States of America, including any and all reissue(s) of said PATENTS.

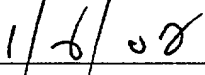
ALSO, ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute any documents that legally may be required in connection with the maintenance of PATENT, including additional documents that may be required to affirm the rights of ASSIGNEE in and to said PATENTS, all without further consideration. ASSIGNOR also agrees, without further consideration and at ASSIGNEE's expense, to identify and communicate to ASSIGNEE at ASSIGNEE's request documents and information concerning the PATENTS that are within ASSIGNOR's possession or control, and to provide further assurances and testimony on behalf of ASSIGNEE that lawfully may be required of ASSIGNOR in respect of the prosecution, maintenance and defense of any patent application or patent encompassed within the terms of this instrument. ASSIGNOR's obligations under this instrument shall extend to ASSIGNOR's heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns and other legal representatives.

ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to grant all rights in these PATENTS to above to ASSIGNEE, as the ASSIGNEE of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for ASSIGNEE's sole use and behoof; and for the use and behoof of ASSIGNEE's legal representatives and successors, to the full end of the term of such United States Letters Patents, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made.

ASSIGNOR authorizes any member of the firm of *Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley, LLP* to insert or complete any information in this document needed to effect its recordal in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

METHODE MEXICO USA, INC.

By:  _____
Donald W. Duda, President

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Date

(Notarization preferred but not required)

Before me personally appeared Donald W. Duda and acknowledged this instrument to be his (her) free act and deed this _____ day of January 2002

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My Commission Expires: _____

APPENDIX A

<u>Attorney Docket No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Application/Patent Number</u>
115716-00101	Sensor Pad for Controlling Airbag Deployment	Des. Patent No. 409,935 issued 05/18/1999
115716-00103	Sensor Pad for Controlling Airbag Deployment and Associated Support	Pat. No. 5,975,568 issued 11/02/1999
115716-00108	Sensor Pad for Controlling Airbag Deployment and Associated Support	Serial No. 09/988,206 filed 11/19/2001
115716-00109	Roll-Over Air Bag	Pat. No. 6,133,141 issued 09/05/2000
115716-00113	Roll-Over Air Bag Having a Reinforced Perimeter Seal and Associated Method for Producing a Flat Reinforced Seal in a Roll-Over Air Bag	Serial No. 09/405,339 filed 09/24/1999

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